

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly rewrite Claims 1-10 as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, as modified by Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted, 1267 OG 106 (Feb. 25, 2003):

1. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal for sealing a gap (3)-between two adjacent components ~~(1,2), in particular in turbo machines, with,~~ comprising:
two components separated by a gap, each component including a sealing surface, the two sealing surfaces facing each other, one of the two components comprising a step that projects from one component sealing surface toward the other component sealing surface;
a sealing body (7) ~~from comprising~~ a band (18) that ~~has~~ having a cross-section bent in such a way ~~that to form~~ two contact zones (8) ~~formed on it which~~ abut with a preload against the two facing sealing surfaces (9)-of the components (1,2)-and deflect resiliently when the distance between the sealing surfaces (9)-is changed, and ~~that a~~ support zone (11)-formed between the contact zones (8)-is supported vertically relative to the spring direction of resilient movement on a said step (10) formed on one of the components (2) and projects from the latter's sealing surface (9) towards the sealing surface (9) of the other component (1).
2. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to Claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ further comprising two spaces at different pressures, wherein the gap (3)-connects the two spaces (4,5) with different pressures, whereby and wherein the sealing body (7)-is supported on ~~that a~~ side of the step (10)-that faces the space (4)-with the higher pressure.
3. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to Claim 2, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the sealing body (7)-has a hollow profile (13)-that is open including an opening on one side of its the sealing body cross-section, ~~whereby a~~ wherein the profile opening (14)-faces the space (4)-with the higher pressure.
4. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 3, characterized in that wherein the band (18)-consists of comprises correspondingly bent spring steel.
5. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 4, characterized in that wherein the two sealing surfaces (9)-of the components (1,2)

are constructed level and extend parallel to each other, and ~~that~~ the two contact zones (8) are located on a straight line that is vertical to the sealing surfaces ~~(9)~~.

6. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the band (18) has a C-shaped cross-sectional profile.

7. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 5, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the profile of the band (18) ~~has~~ comprises a U-shaped center section (18) ~~and two end sections, with~~ the support zone (11) being between the two end sections (15), ~~whereby wherein~~ the end sections (15) are bent outward ~~in a and rounded way, and the end sections comprise~~ are provided with the contact zones (8).

8. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 7, ~~characterized in that wherein the band further comprises~~ contact bodies (17) ~~provided with including the~~ contact zones ~~(8) are formed on the band (18)~~.

9. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 8, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ the step (10) projects from the associated sealing surface (9) ~~to such an extent a distance so that the shaped bend a bent portion of the~~ sealing body (7) ~~also~~ remains in the elastic range when the step (10), because of a corresponding relative movement of the components (1,2), comes to abut against the opposite sealing surface ~~(9) or on the opposite component (1)~~.

10. (Currently Amended) A gap ~~Gap~~-seal according to ~~one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 9, ~~characterized in that wherein~~ at least one of the components (1,2) ~~is~~ comprises an element of a turbine or a compressor, and the element is selected from the group consisting of a guide vane, or a rotor vaneblade, or and a heat shield element of a turbine or of a compressor.